

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A pair of protective pants having an upper portion which when worn covers a wearer's torso, between the wearer's waist and the wearer's legs, the pair of protective pants having two leg portions, each of which when worn covers one of the wearer's legs, wherein each leg portion has an upper region which extends downwardly from the upper portion, and a lower region which extends upwardly from a lower end of said leg portion toward the upper region and which terminates not higher than where said leg portion when worn covers the wearer's knee, wherein the lower region has a puncture-resistant layer of puncture-resistant material, which is made from a cloth fabric that is puncture-resistant, the puncture-resistant layer extends upwardly from the lower end of said leg portion[[,]] and surrounds the lower end of said leg portion and which is , the cloth fabric being resistant to puncture by snakes or by thorny or spiky plants, wherein the upper region of each leg portion has an outer layer of abrasion-resistant material that is , the abrasion-resistant material being less resistant to punctures than the ~~layer of puncture-resistant material~~ cloth fabric.

2. (Previously Presented) The pair of protective pants of claim 1 wherein the upper portion also has the outer layer of abrasion-resistant material.

3. (Original) The pair of protective pants of claim 1 wherein the upper portion and the leg portions, from the upper portion to the lower ends of the leg portions, have one or more inner layers.

4. (Currently Amended) The pair of protective pants of claim 1 wherein the upper portion and the upper regions of the leg portions have ~~an~~ the outer layer of abrasion-resistant material, wherein the upper portion and the leg portions, from the upper portion to the lower ends of the leg portions, have one or more inner layers, and wherein only the lower region of each leg portion has ~~te layer of the~~ puncture-resistant material layer.

5. (Currently Amended) A pair of protective pants having an upper portion which when worn covers a wearer's torso between the wearer's waist and the wearer's legs, the pair of protective pants having two leg portions, each of which when worn covers one of the wearer's legs, each of the leg portions having an upper region which extends downwardly from the upper portion, and a lower region which extends upwardly from a lower end of the leg portion toward the upper region and which terminates not higher than where the leg portion covers the wearer's knee when worn, each of the upper and lower regions having an outer layer of material, and wherein the material of the outer layers of the lower regions ~~have~~ has a greater resistance to punctures than the material of the outer layers of the upper regions.

6. (Previously Presented) The pair of protective pants of claim 5 wherein the upper portion and the upper regions of the leg portions have an outer layer of abrasion-resistant material.

7. (Previously Presented) The pair of protective pants of claim 5 wherein the upper portion and the leg portions, from the upper portion to the lower ends of the leg portions, have one or more inner layers.

8. (Previously Presented) The pair of protective pants of claim 5 wherein the upper portion and the upper regions of the leg portions have an outer layer of abrasion-resistant material, and wherein the upper portion and the leg portions, from the upper portion to the lower ends of the leg portions, have one or more inner layers.